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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SHUM SF (TRANSKEI)
SUBJ: TRANSKEI DETAINS HECTOR NCOKAZI

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1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE HECTOR NCOKAZI WAS DETAINED ABOUT JAN 20 BY THE TRANSKEI SECURITY POLICE AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON AS YET UNSPECIFIED CHARGES. NCOKAZI IS THE HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) AND, AS SUCH, HAS BEEN DETAINED TWO OTHER TIMES IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS BY TRANSKEI POLICE FOR A TOTAL OF 7 MONTHS IN DETENTION. HE HAS NEVER BEEN CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE. WE BELIEVE HIS ARREST IS MATANZIMA'S RESPONSE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE DP HELD OVER THE NEW YEAR IN TRANSKEI IN WHICH THE DP ATTACKED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRANSKEI AND THE INCOMPETENCY OF ITS LEADERS. (REF A). IT IS A TREASONABLE OFFENSE IN TRANSKEI, LEGALLY PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, TO IMPUGN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE AND IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE
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THAT NCOKAZI COULD BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

2. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THE GOT WILL TREAT HIM AS BEFORE, I.E., RELEASE HIM AFTER A PERIOD OF DETENTION WITH A FURTHER WARNING TO MEND HIS WAYS AND HOLD HIS TONGUE. IF THIS OCCURS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO MOVE RAPIDLY

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TO OFFER NCOKAZI HIS MUCH-DELAYED IV GRANT. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE NCOKAZI THE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE HIS EFFECTIVENESS BY BROADENING HIS PERSPECTIVES (REFS), BUT WOULD ALSO CONVEY TO MATANZIMA & CO. OUR RESPECT FOR VALID OPPOSITION ACTIVITY OF LEADERS SUCH AS NCOKAZI AS WELL AS OUR INTEREST IN TRANSKEI HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR THESE REASONS WE BELIEVE NCOKAZI'S IV NOMINATION SHOULD STILL BE PROMPTLY PROCESSED AND APPROVED BY DEPT. SHOULD HE, ON OTHER HAND, BE CHARGED OR BROUGHT TO TRIAL OR GIVEN LONG PRISON SENTENCE, THERE WOULD BE AMPLE ADVANCE INDICATION TO ENABLE US TO TURN TO AN ALTERNATE CANDIDATE ON COUNTRY TEAM'S FY-78 IV LIST.
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